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Clayton Celebrated The Fourth of July in Grand Style.

Did you attend Clayton's fourth of July celebration? If not, let us tell you what you missed.

First there was the grand street parade. This began at the school house and was led by the "Peace Angel," little Miss Margaret Luckey, who was dressed in a long white robe and wore a wreath on her head. Pretty white wings were fastened to her shoulders and in all she looked to us indeed like an angel of peace. She stood in a low white chariot drawn by a white horse, and the servant attending her wore white.

Then came "our boys" the Clayton Band playing as they passed and we've heard bands of years experience that didn't play as well; the boys certainly deserve credit. There new uniforms failed to get here until the afternoon but arrived in time for the boys to dress in full uniform and give an open air concert at the dance platform that night. Following there was the magnificent float of school girls representing the different states and territories, while Miss Inez Magney stood in their midst gracefully dressed as the "Goddess of Liberty" which was a perfect beauty. The carriage was drawn by four gray horses.

Next came Miss New Mexico. This was a pretty vehicle completely covered with pink carnations. It was drawn by a real "Black Beauty" whose decorations also were pink. Misses Ida Melton and Syrene Toombs were the drivers.

After these, came a number of beautiful floats. Miss Alice Porter's float splendidly represented blue bells.

Misses Evans and Valverde drove a carriage decked in white and trimmed in red roses. The Misses Slack had the dainty colors lavender and canary, while a representation of "Liberty Bell" hung over their heads. Mrs. R. W. Luckey had carefully arranged on her carriage our national love colors, red, white and blue.

There were other pleasing decorations but time would fail us if we tried to tell you all.

The parade came from the school house, down through main street passed over to the West Side, back again through main street, and after passing through some two or three other streets started on its way to the race track followed by an eager, interested crowd.

Report of the committee on prizes.

As the committee selected to award the several prizes given today, do decide as follows:

First best decorated vehicle, the one called "New Mexico."

Second best decorated vehicle, the Porter "rig."

Third best decorated vehicle, the one driven by the Misses Slack. The best decorated young lady Miss Inez Magney.

Second best decorated young lady, Miss Ida Melton.

First children's prize, Margaret Luckey.

Second child's prize, Helen Aldridge.

Third child's prize, Rosa Bushnell.

Fourth child's prize, Irueella

Gallegos.

Fifth child's prize, Filipita Garcia.

This decision is unanimous.

J. W. Evans

O. T. Toombs

E. W. Fox

Committee

Soon after the race track was reached dinner was announced and the committee on barbecue began to issue out the meat, bread pickles and coffee which lasted about one hour and a half. Then JUDGE TOOMBS DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

There was a time in the long ago when our ancestors were content to have tea-parties in the vicinity of Boston, and on such occasions the men were selfish enough not to permit the ladies to have any hand in the arrangement; but this tea party had which the menfolk had, ceased to be because it was founded upon masculine selfishness, and a new and a new order of things came into existence, in the enjoyment of which, the ladies have been permitted to participate; if you shall be entertained by your experiences here today, you will be called upon to give large thanks to the ladies of Clayton, because had it not been for the efforts they have made to assist the managing committee, this jubilation would have been shorn of some of its prettiest attractions. I said the fad was new, but when I come to think, it is not so entirely new either, but such recurring year the American people do something to keep alive and fresh in their minds the day thereon they escaped from the yoke of tyranny and established the first real government "of the people, for the people and by the people" the world has ever known. From a small beginning in 1776, with thirteen states, we come in to the 20th century with 45 states. In 1803 president Jefferson initiated negotiations with the great Napoleon for the purchase of the city of New Orleans and the control of the mouth of the Mississippi river; but in the deal the great Frenchman went our president one better and worked of on him the whole of the Louisiana Purchase as it is known today, remarking at the time the trade was consummated "he asked me for a city and I gave him an empire". It was indeed an empire, and this imperial republic, if I may say it that way, did herself proud in 1904 when she carried to a complete success the international exposition at the city of St. Louis in a fitting commemoration of this great territory. The Americans never follow when it comes to expositions they always lead. Chicago in 1893, St. Louis in 1904 and Portland in 1905, are the three largest international expositions the universe has ever known.

We have many things to be thankful for. The industrial situation of our country is as healthy and wholesome as we can reasonably expect it to be. There is some friction in the world of industry, but there always has been friction there, ever since Abraham and Lot had their little spat about the range for their sheep. Russian children kiss today the red flag of chaos and disorder, but their action and sentiment that underlies it, will prove to have been the harbinger of a wider and fuller freedom yet to come to the Slavonic races. The recent black Friday at Lodz and the red Sunday at St. Petersburg, will, a little later in the history of that unfortunate people, be known as the red-handed parent of that civil and religious liberty soon to come to the subjects of the Great White

Czar; and it will come bearing in its arms the boon of education for the masses, and this education will in turn work the emancipation of the whole people from serfdom, absolutism and the rule of despotism. We are of the opinion that through efforts of Tolstoi, Gorky, and that noble catholic prelate, father Gapon, the bloody dawn of freedom's morning is about to be seen and experienced by the Russian people, and that their battle for liberty and equal rights has almost reached its long deferred fruition; and that the results will be the complete overthrow of autocracy, and of the establishment of their own 4th of July.

The country is prosperous. We are the richest nation in the world today, and with every revolution of the financial sicle, more prosperity comes and more gold finds its way into our coffers, underneath our great wealth there may be lurking the chiefest menace to our nation's life, but we are not here upon this jubilant occasion to sound any note of alarm. However, speaking of the national riches, it may be remembered that it is written that "it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Heaven"; we might become so rich as to endanger the nation's chances of the bliss beyond; I don't know though, that all of the Americans are expecting to go to Heaven in a bunch, the Clayton people will all get there of course, but there are some people who may not get there at all. As far as the present speaker is concerned, that text has never yet given him any personal discomfort, and he has no sort of fear upon that account, of being able to pass by good old St. Peter, at the gate, if he ever gets to the gate.

I have said we have much to be thankful for; and I believe that among our chiefest joys should be the fact that we have our present Chief Executive, for he has given us an international prestige we never before had. There was a time, and some of you will remember that it is not so very long ago, when small attention was paid to our flag by foreign countries, but is different now. We have a president who quickly called the sultan of Morocco to "produce, Perdicaris alive or Basuli dead" and Perdicaris was produced at once. Our president can do other things too. He can go down to the White House cellar and do a judo stunt with a Japanese, then to Colorado on a hunt for bears; and coming back to Washington, startles the world by at once becoming its greatest political potentiality in that he plays the role of an Occidental Joshua, and is commanding the Orient and a part of Europe to cease disturbing the peace of the world.

Forty-five stars now bedeck our nation's heraldic emblem, to which number at least two more, we believe, will soon be added, and then, in that twinkling galaxy there will be one bright particular star and we will christen it "The State of New Mexico"; and then we can say with our whole hearts, "Flag of the freehearts only home, By angels hands to valor given; Thy stars have lit the welkin dome. And all thy hues were born in Heaven."

The day belongs to you, my friends, and I am bid to give you our heartiest welcome. I am told to say to you also, that the latch-strings are hanging low on the outside, and you are expected to

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